

## WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Directors  
February 19, 2019.

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at the Advanced Learning Library with the following present: Mr. Lamont Anderson, Mr. David Babich, Ms. Erinn Bock, Ms. Donna Douglas, Ms. Jennifer Goheen, Dr. Justin Henry, Mr. Randall Johnston, Ms. Shannon Littlejohn, Mr. Kevin McWhorter, Ms. Tadonne Neal, Ms. Shelby Petersen, and Mr. Jonathan Winkler.

Staff Present: Cynthia Berner, Director of Libraries; Kristi Dowell, Customer Services Manager; Cari Eagles-DeVous, Administrative Assistant; Sean Jones, Communications Specialist; Sarah Kittrell, Collection Development Manager; Julie Sherwood, Partnerships and Community Engagement Manager; Jeff Tate, Digital Services Manager; and Larry Vos, Information Services Manager.

### Call to Order

President Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., a quorum being present.

### Introductions

None

### Approval of the Agenda

Tadonne Neal moved (Douglas) to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comment

Craig Coffey shared information about the suicide rate among transgendered people and suggested their unhealthy behaviors should not be modeled as normal among children. Attachment A provides a complete transcript of Mr. Coffey's remarks.

### Consent Agenda

President McWhorter asked if there were items to be removed from the consent agenda. No items were identified by any Board member. Lamont Anderson moved (Neal) to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Actions taken through this motion included approval of:

- Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Library Board meeting
- Final December 2018 Revenue Report
- Final December 2018 Report 204 of General Fund Expenditures
- Final December 2018 Bills
- January 2019 Revenue Report

- January 2019 Report 204 of General Fund Expenditures
- January 2019 Grant Fund Summary Report
- January 2019 Bills
- January 2019 Media Report
- Director of Libraries Report

### **Announcements**

Director Berner announced that Mr. David Babich will be leaving the Library Board and that a book will be placed into the library collection in his honor. It was noted that the Advanced Learning Library and facilities improvements in branches were the result of Mr. Babich's attention to detail and active leadership as chair of the Planning & Facilities Committee. Director Berner and members of the Board thanked Mr. Babich for his seven years of service and his leadership during his tenure as a member of the Board of Directors.

**President McWhorter suspended the meeting with the board recessing into the workshop at 10:43 a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 11:55 a.m.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Berner  
Director of Libraries

Attachment A: Craig Coffey's full statement

February 19, 2019

Wichita Public Library Board of Directors  
711 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Wichita, KS 67203

Dear Board Members:

Please enter this Statement into the meeting minutes in its entirety.

This month I will be sharing quotes from Dr. Paul R. McHugh, the former the former psychiatrist-in-chief for Johns Hopkins Hospital and the hospital's current Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry.

He stated that transgenderism is a "mental disorder that merits treatment, that sex change is biologically impossible, and that people who promote sexual reassignment surgery are collaborating with and promoting a mental disorder."

Dr. McHugh, the author of six authoritative books and at least 125 peer-reviewed medical articles, made his remarks in a recent commentary in the Wall Street Journal, where he explained that transgender surgery is "not the solution for people who suffer a disorder of assumption" – the notion that their maleness or femaleness is different than what nature assigned to them biologically.

He also reported on a new study showing that the suicide rate among transgendered people who had a reassignment surgery is 20 times higher than the suicide rate among non-transgender people. Dr. McHugh further noted studies from Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic of children who had expressed transgender feelings but for whom, over time, 70% -80% "spontaneously lost those feelings."

"At the heart of the problem is confusion over the nature of the transgendered. Sex change is biologically impossible. People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from me to women or vice versa. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women. Claiming that this is a civil rights matter and encouraging surgical intervention is in reality to collaborate with and promote a mental disorder."

It has been proven through real science and authoritative research that transgenderism and ,by association, drag queens, are unhealthy behaviors and should NOT be modeled as "normal" toward impressionable children. I ask the Library Board and the City Council..... is the promotion of such moral and biological dysfunction something they want to allow our children to be exposed to as a taxpayer funded program?

You will find that the vast majority of the taxpaying public do NOT want this type of progressive social engineering forced on us and our children.

Please continue to take these facts and the stated agenda of the LGBTQ activists under

consideration as you determine the outcome of this issue.

I remind you that offers have been put on the table to come alongside the Board and assist with planning and implementation of future programming. Again this month, those offers of teamwork and mutual cooperation have NOT been acknowledged or accepted. Those offers of collaboration are extended to the City Council as they examine the matter.

Myself and other concerned citizens will continue to speak out and organize resistance toward this Board and the City Council until sensible and suitable programming guidelines are adopted.

Respectfully,  
Pastor Craig Coffey